

ABSTRACT

In submitting a request to provide pay services over a network, such as printing a print job, a user designates a basic setting for the print job and enters an upper limit of a charge to be subjected to accounting (i.e, an upper limit of an amount he will pay for the requested services). An accounting server utilizes the setting information to determine which services can be provided within the upper limit and submits the determined services to the user for the user to select. The accounting server may also determine additional services that can be provided, either within the upper limit or above the upper limit, and submits them to the user as well. The user selects one of the basic setting or the additional services determined by the accounting server, whereby the print job is submitted to a service provider and the service is executed.

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